

Easement

HA-937

Christopher's Camp
Miss Martha P. Michael
1219 Fountain Green Rd.
Bel Air, MD 21014

The tract on which this house stands was patented to Christopher Bayne in 1684. At that time Christopher's Camp consisted of 1,000 acres. The main part of this house was built by Richard Wilmott and a datestone bears the legend "W/R+M/June 1771."

This farm was purchased by John Davis and Maria Wharton Hall in 1844 and remained with the David family until 1860. Reverend John Davis built the stone addition and conducted a school on the premises.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Christopher's Camp

AND/OR COMMON

Winchester Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1219 Fountain Green Road

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

first

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Miss Martha P. Michael

Telephone #: 838-5946

STREET & NUMBER

1219 Fountain Green Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 21014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 377

Folio #: 701

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

NA-137

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This large farm house consists of three sections. It is set back off Fountain Green Road and faces south.

Sections one and two are of rubble stone construction and blend well. Section one is three bays long and is the western part of the stone structure. Two storied high, this section has a gable flank roof, covered now with asphalt. Originally, a corbelled brick chimney was located at each inside end. Now only the western chimney remain of this section. The roof has a crown moulded box cornice. The rubble stone walls are fairly well coursed. A water table is noticable and is approximately two and one half feet tall. Basement lights have stone flat arches.

Windows in this section are six lights over six, all of the panes appear to be quite old and of an unusual size-10"x14". Wooden arches are located above all windows in this section. They are flat with a keystone. Paneled shutters are at each window, probably originals.

The door, located in the center bay of this section's south facade, is of unusual width. It has eight moulded panels and a simple architrave trim on the exterior frame.

The west facade has windows at the attic elevation and the basement. Attic windows are of four lights. These flank a datestone sketched on the floor plan page. It bears the following inscription: "W/R + M/ June 1771." The date stone has a stone, semi-circular arch.

The north facade has a basement entrance under the north west window. The center door of this side has double hung louvered doors acting as an additional shield and probably as a sort of screen door in warmer weather. A four light transom is visible on the interior.

Section two is two bays long including a door and window. This section is thought to have been added in 1845. Its builders took care to match its roof ridgeline with that of section one. This has an interesting effect on the house because the width of this section is smaller than of section one and the roof appears to be off center as a result. A corbelled brick chimney is located at the east inside end. Two attic windows are located on this facade. The window and door on this section's north facade still exist even though an addition is located at this location. The door is unusual, having diagonal boards showing on one side with moulded panels on the other.

Ceiling in both of these sections are nine feet high.

Section one's first floor consists of two rooms and a side hall. Floors through out are of random width pine and are probably original. The stairway is located at the northwest. It has a square newel and a plain rail.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The tract on which this house stands was patented to Christopher Bayne in 1684. At that time Christopher's Camp consisted of 1,000 acres. The main part of this house bears a datestone with the inscription "W/R & M/ June 1771." C. Milton Wright concludes from this, in his book Our Harford Heritage, that the builder was W.R. Morgan. I believe that this datestone probably indicate Richard Wilmott, the M. possibly the initial of his wife.

The house itself represents three periods of building. The 1771 section has a side hall floor plan-an unusual feature in this area. Wooden arches above the windows of this section would seem to be later additions but they are not present on the second stone section.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Preston, Walter W; History of Harford County,
Press of the Sun Book Office, Baltimore, 1901.
Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford Heritage, French
Bray Press, Baltimore, 1967.
Harford Directory, 1953.

1783 Maryland Tax List
1798 Federal Tax List
1814 Maryland Tax List

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 286 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Christopher's Camp is bounded by Fountain Green Road on the west;
Wheel Road on the south; Shucks Road on the east; and the property of
Sidney D. Feverley, Jr. on the north.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Susan M. Deeney, Field Historian

March 8, 1977

ORGANIZATION

Historic District Commission

DATE

338-6000 ext. 207

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland 21014

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Balusters are turned and treads are pine. Upstairs, the open string stair has simple brackets. A door on the west wall of the first floor leads to the cellar. It is under the slant of the second run of the stair. This slant is paneled.

The west room is magnificently paneled. Its west wall has a fireplace in its center flanked by built in closets. A stepped cornice meets the ceiling on the west wall.

The east room may have, at one time, been two rooms. At present the room has an arch consisting of one single beaded wood board extending east-west. A moulded wood panel closet is on the east wall next to a brick lined fireplace no longer in use.

Upstairs, there are three rooms on the second floor as well as the hall. The hall has chair rails. A beaded board door leads to the attic. Miss Michael told us that school was taught in this section's attic. In the attic, the ceiling is plastered and floors are wide, pegged board. Doors in this section have iron box locks with wood knobs. Door frames in this section have symmetrically moulded trim with corner blocks. These frames are pegged.

Section two's interior has a newer floor with even pine boards. A brick lined fireplace is located on the east wall. It has a fairly plain mantle and architrave.

The most recent addition to this house is the two and one half story frame section on the north of section two: Miss Michael informed us that this part was added soon after the Warden family moved in. This was probably 1865. This section is bevel frame with low stone foundations. The roof has wide eaves and a box cornice. There are two gable front dormers on the west side of the roof as well as on the east side. Windows in this section are six lights over six, having standard size panes. The west facade's first elevation is laid out as follows: W - W - W - D. The door has a three light transom. On the east a shed and an enclosed porch mask much of the details. See floor plan.

Outbuildings on this farm consisted of two red vertical board barns and a cinder-block construction.

Title Search
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877	701	7/29/71	Grantor: Martha G. Michael and J. Glasgow Archer, Jr. Grantee: Martha G. Michael Acreage: 286 acres Christopher's Camp and east side of road St. George, 3 1/4 acres west of the public road.
TLA	52	119 12/9/65	Grantor: Last Will and Testament, Georgie Michael Grantee: All her share of land to her sister
Estate Docket	5	198	Grantor: Estate of William O. Michael Grantee: His daughters Martha and Georgie
ALJ	63	250 3/18/1877	Grantor: Elizabeth S. Winchester Grantee: William O. Michael
ALJ	36	5 10/9/1877	Grantor: James and Sophia D. Warden Grantee: Elizabeth S. Winchester Acreage: Christopher's Camp 276 acres, St. George 10 acres
ALJ	32	110 6/5/1875	Grantor: Franklin Bank of Baltimore Mortgage Grantee: James Warden Acreage: 276 acres
WHD	16	247 9/13/1865	Grantor: William M. Ellicott Grantee: James Warden
WG	11	416 3/6/1860	Grantor: Henry W. Archer, Trustee Grantee: Sarah P. Ellicott
WG	5	94 8/18/1858	Equity: John W. Richardson, John T.B. Phelps, 1301 D-125 complainants; John P. Davis and wife defendants. Archer appointed by court to sell property. 275 a.
ALJ	9	371 3/1/1858	Grantor: John P. Davis Grantee: Henry W. Archer, trustees Acreage: 280 acres
CHB	7	33 8/13/1853	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of John Davis Grantee: His son John P. Davis
ALJ	1	18 12/1/1851	Grantor: Richard Green, Watter and Mary E. Farnandis Grantee: John Davis Acreage: All that tract being part of Christopher's Camp formerly owned by Dr. Jacob Hell 118 acres.

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HD 29 200 2/8/1844

Grantor: William W. Hall, trustee
Grantee: Maria Wharton Hall and John Davis
Acreage: 450 acres-NW half of Christopher's Camp

9/29/1843

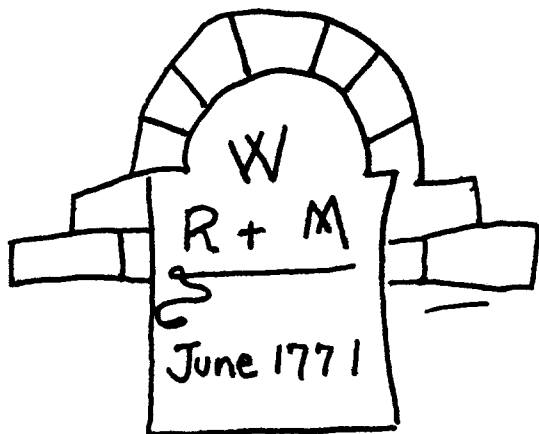
Equity: Wm. W. Hall, Pheneas P. Peasants, Richard S.
Peasants vs. Jacob Hall Peasants and others

TK 280 127 6/13/1838

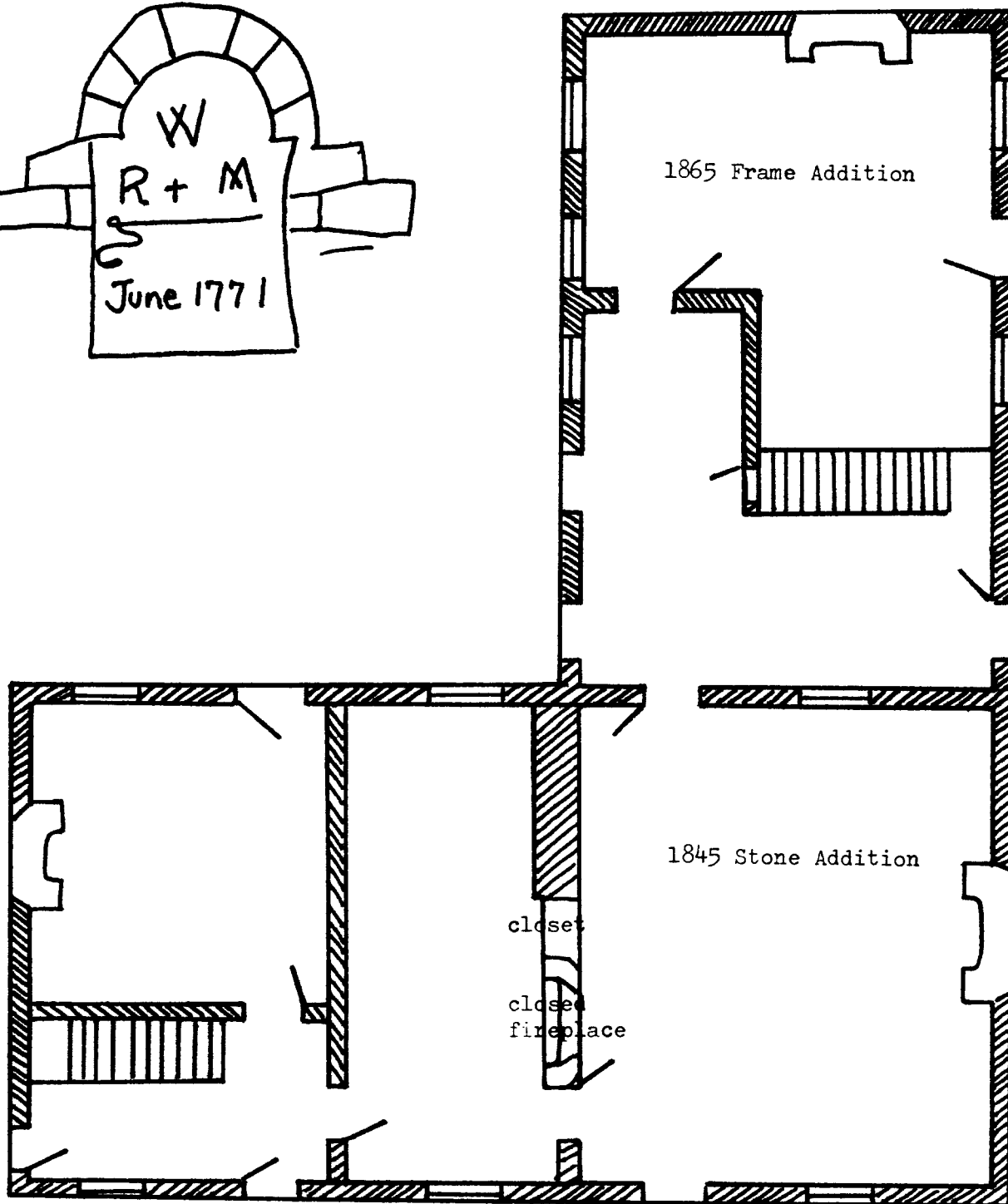
Grantor: Mary Hall
Grantee: Her son Richard W. Hall

In 1777 the tract was owned by Richard Johns and Richard Wilmott. When patented to Christopher Bayne in 1684 the tract consisted of 1,000 acres.

Winchester Farm HA - 937
Christopher's Camp



NORTH



Shed

Porch

closet

closet
fireplace

1865 Frame Addition

1845 Stone Addition

PORCH

field, who write from prison and give their views on the situation. Also General John A. Dix, George R. Dodge, Reverdy Johnson.
7 items, 1861-1862.

1236. PLASKITT SCRAPBOOKS, MS.663

Clippings collected by Joshua Plaskitt (1830-1903), member of the Baltimore School Board. Vol. 1, School Board activities and items concerning local schools, 1888-1889. Commencement program, 1888. Vols. 2-3, Baltimore material including items on local history and numerous obituaries. Vol. 4, Mason and Dixon Line. Vol. 5, miscellaneous items.
5 vols., 1888-1896.

1237. PLEASANTS, J. HALL, PAPERS, MS.194

Dr. Pleasants's notes on Maryland silversmiths. Correspondence on Maryland session laws and votes and proceedings. Genealogical notes. Copies of letters of signers of Declaration of Independence. Letters to Samuel Curson from Richard Curson, 1753-1786. Business papers of Samuel Poultney, 1815-1852. Curson family papers on their London estates, 1773-1825. Business correspondence of Israel, John P., and Samuel Pleasants, 1787-1859. 16 boxes, 1753-1955.

1238. PLEASANTS PAPERS, MS.1390

Collection of land papers, leases, and other material of the Pleasants, Hall, and Poultney families. Include lease from Mary Hall to Richard W. Hall of part of *Christopher's Camp*, Harford County, 1838. Last will and testament of Thomas Poultney, 1829, and inventory of his estate. Will of Mary Hall. Deed of William Freeman to Evan Poultney, 1833.
15 items, 1829-1838.

1239. POE, EDGAR ALLAN, SCRAPBOOK, MS.1625

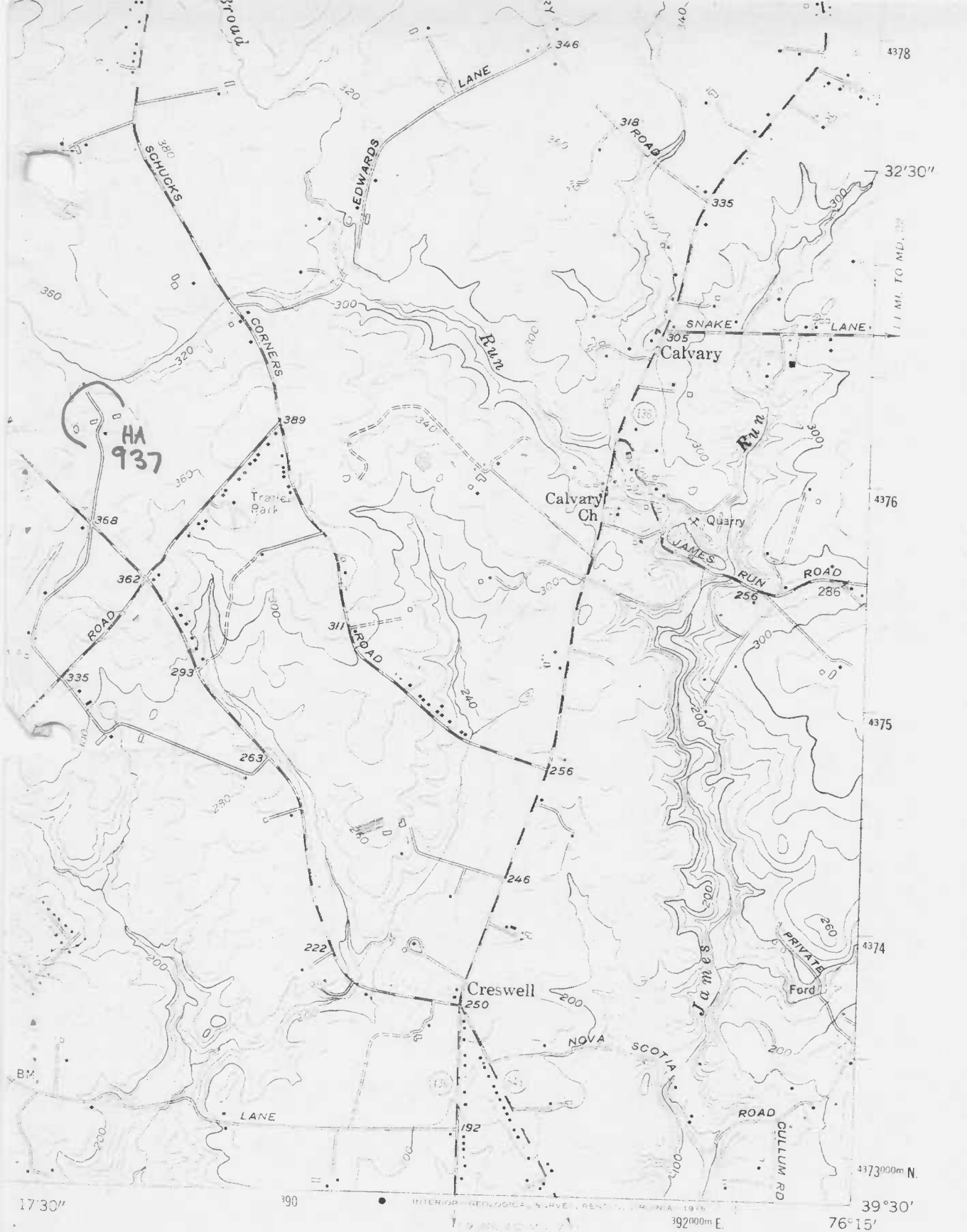
Scrapbook of newspaper clippings, 1907-1909, concerning the movement to erect a monument to Edgar Allan Poe on the one hundredth anniversary of his birth, 1909. Correspondence between George Parson and Mrs. John Wrenshall, June, 1909 (3 items), indicating their parts in the movement to honor Poe.
1 vol. and 3 items, 1907-1909.

1240. PORT OF ENTRY PAPERS, MS.670

Reports of Naval Officers for the ports of Patuxent, Annapolis, North Potomac, Oxford, and Pocomoke.
1 vol., 1751-1757.

1241. PORTER COOKBOOKS, MS.664

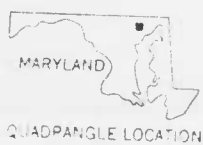
Recipe books of Mrs. Robert Buck Porter. Items are mainly for cakes and desserts. A few are for wines.
3 vols., 1840-1870.



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ROAD CLASSIFICATION


Heavy duty	—	Light duty
Medium-duty	- - -	Unimproved dirt
U S Route		State Route



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Churchville, MD
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South
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Christopher's Camp
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West
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